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An important understanding of *modern* economic models would help in crafting a suitable remedy.

The best lay-persons explanation of what kind of competitive behavior should be encouraged, can be seen in the current movie "A Beautiful Mind".

In a bar, John Nash explains to his fellow students the impact of Adam Smith style economics, versus his new model, where it concerns competing for limited resources.

Watch the movie, and apply the concept to any proposed remedy. If there is not more than one happy party, the result is bad for everyone. If both sides (and all parties with a direct interest, including AOL Time Warner, Sun, Oracle, etc, as well as Microsoft) do not praise the result, it is practically by definition, bad for consumers, bad for business, and bad for America and the entire western world.

The current proposed settlement, by this reasoning, is *very* *very* bad.

Sincerely,

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